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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOSHIHARU WAKAO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: STELLING, L.A.  
SERIAL NO: 10/567,682 :  
FILED: FEBRUARY 9, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1797  
FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING SHIP :  
BALLAST WATER

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.